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1. AMID HEADLINE REPORTS OF MADAME PARK'S FUNERAL SERVICE, AUG 20 PRESS CONTINUES TO FEATURE STORIES OF ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF MUN SE KWANG'S ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT'S LIFE.

2. CONSPVRACY THEORY IS STILL GIVEN PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE WITH JAPANESE DATED REVTS THAT:

A. MULTIPLE FOOTPRINTS FOUND AROUND OSAKA POLICE BOX AT TIME MURDER WEAPON WAS STOLEN;

B. MUN'S APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT LAST JUNE TENDS TO SHOW REASONABLY LONG PRIOR PLANNING; AND

C. MUN LIVED RELATIVELY COMFORTABLE LIFE IN JAPAN DESPITE MARGINAL 50,000 YEN MONTHLY INCOME FROM "SAVE KIM TAE-CHUNG COMMITTEE" AND KOREAN YOUTH CORPS.

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3. KOREA TIMES CORRESPONDENT REPORTS FROM OSAKA THAT JAPANESE

POLICE AUTHORITIES "DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY" THAT MUN MIGHT HAVE UNDERGONE MARKESMANSHIP TRAINING IN NORTH KOREA BECAUSE ONLY REGUP CMARKSMEN ARE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE THEIR SHOTTING IN JAPAN. (LOCAL INVESTIGATORS HAVE DISCLOSED MUN RECEIVED PISTOL INSTRUCTION FROM NORTH KOREANS ABOARD MANKYONG-BONG-HO FREIGHTER LAST MAYG.) CORRESPONDENT ALSO NOTES THAT KIM HO-RYONG OF CHOSEN SOREN DENIED PARTICIPATION IN PLOT.

4. IN LOCAL INVESTIGATION, POLICE ARE QUESTIONING AT LEAST TEN PERSONS FROM SEOUL'S CHOSUN HOTEL (WHERE MUN STAYED) AND OTHER LOCATIONS HE VISITED DURING HIS BRIEF SOJOURN HERE. WHILE HIS RELATIVES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN FOUND INNOCENT IN PLOT, INVESTIGATION OF CONDUCT OF NATIONAL POLICE WHO REPORTEDLY CHECKED MUN'S IDENTITY THCEE TIMES AND STILL ALLOWED HIM TO ENTER NATIONAL THEATER IS STILL CONTINUING.

5. IN RELATED MATTER, LOCAL PRESS NOTES THAT ROKG FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INSTRUCTED ITS EMBASSY IN TOKYO TO INQUIRE INTO REPORTS THAT JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES CLAIMED JAPAN WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE, "LEGALLY OR MORALLY," FOR ASSASSINATION. ERICSON

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